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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Liu (U.S. Patent Number 5,931,815). Liu discloses a multifunctional safety infusion set with injection needle retractable in a wing-equipped sheath comprising: a hub (1,11,12) having a distal end, a proximal end, and an axial through hole (101), further supporting a pair of flexible extension arms (arms of 11b and/or 12b); a cannula (32) joined to said hub adjacent the distal end of said hub, said cannula having a beveled edge (3a) at a distal end thereof; a cylindrical sheath (40,42) having a locking tab (411) attached thereto, said cylindrical sheath retaining said hub therein and having a distal end and a proximal end, said hub being slidable along an inner surface of said cylindrical sheath from a first position at which the distal end of said cannula joined to said hub projects beyond the distal end of said cylindrical sheath by a predetermined length (see position at figure 4), to a second position at which said distal end of the cannula is protectively contained within said cylindrical sheath (see figure 8 position); a pair of flexible wings (43) provided on the outer peripheral surface adjacent the distal end of said cylindrical

sheath; and a first locking mechanism and a second locking mechanism (110b and 411b) disposed on said assembly, whereby said first locking mechanism (411b/120b) releasably locks said hub and said cylindrical sheath at the first position, and said second locking mechanism (411b/110b) unreleasably locks said hub and said cylindrical sheath at the second position (figure 9). Further Lui discloses the first locking mechanism (411b/120b) comprises a pair of flexible extension arms supported by said hub (10b) and a groove (411b) formed on the inner surface of the proximal end of said cylindrical sheath, and said locking tab (411) attached to said cylindrical sheath with a hinge (sliding of 1b), wherein when said hub is at the first position in relation to said cylindrical sheath a pair of tips of said pair of flexible extension arms releasably engages the groove and the locking tab releasably engages a proximal end of the flexible extension arms (see figure 8,9,9a). Liu discloses a pair of slots formed in the proximal end of said cylindrical sheath (slots left and right of 411b), wherein when said hub is at the second position in relation to said cylindrical sheath a pair of tips of said pair of flexible extension arms unreleasably engages said pair of slots. The Lui flexible extension arms extend from approximately a center of the hub toward the distal end of the hub (12b, 11b). Further the cannula of Lui is rotateable relative to the cylindrical sheath (see figures 9-12 and screw lock embodiment of 120e). The Lui winged needle assembly has a hub marked to indicate an orientation of the bevel edge of the cannula relative to the cylindrical sheath (note the winged arrow indication of wing orientation of figure 3,5). Further the Lui winged needle assembly-locking tab (411) includes a projection (411c) that is inserted through a slot in the cylindrical sheath (110c) to

releasably engage the proximal end of the pair of flexible extension arms. The Lui winged needle assembly has a width of the pair of slots is greater than a width of the slot in the cylindrical sheath (figures 9-12).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gray whose telephone number is (571) 272-7180. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hayes can be reached on (571) 272-4959. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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